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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on Form PTO/SB/08 is not given.

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